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SUBJECT: ROMANIANS REAFFIRM SOLIDARITY WITHOUT ENDORSING  
NORTH KOREA'S MEMORANDUM

REF: BUCHAREST 1500

1. CAPLESCU EDITORIAL IN MARCH 10 SCINTEIA WAS CULMINATION  
OF TWO WEEKS OF PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY WITH NORTH  
KOREANS IN CONNECTION WITH JUST-CONCLUDED VISIT OF KIM  
IL-SUNG'S PERSONAL ENVOY, KIM NAM-YUN. EXPRESSIONS OF  
ESTEEM AND FRIENDSHIP HAVE BEEN, IF ANYTHING, EVEN MORE  
ARDENT THAN IS CUSTOMARY DURING THE INSTITUTIONALIZED  
MONTH OF ROMANIAN-KOREAN FRIENDSHIP AND ARE UNDOUBTEDLY  
ORIENTED TOWARD EXPECTED CEUSESCU VISIT TO NORTH KOREA,  
NOT TOO MANY WEEKS AFTER HIS VISIT TO US.

2. THERE IS A DEFINITE AFFINITY FOR THE (NORTH) KOREANS,  
IN WHOSE PAST AND PRESENT CURRENT ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP  
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FINDS MANY PARALLELS TO THEIR OWN. THOUGH FAR APART  
GEOGRAPHICALLY, WRITES CAPLESCU, TWO PEOPLES ARE  
JOINED THROUGH SENTIMENTS OF MUTUAL ESTEEM THAT  
HAVE THEIR SOURCE IN THEIR HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND PAST HEROIC STRUGGLES AGAINST FOREIGN DOMINATION  
AND OPPRESSION AND FOR NATIONAL AND SOCIAL LIBERA-  
TION THAT BRING THEM CLOSE, SHOULDER TO SHOULDER,

AS COMRADES WITH SHARED A SYSTEM AND IDEOLOGY AND COMMON GOALS OF BUILDING NEW SOCIETIES WITH SUPREME IDEALS OF SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM.

3. WITHIN COMMUNIST CAMP CEAUSESCU MUST SEE IN NORTH KOREA A NATURAL ALLY: ANOTHER SMALL COMMUNIST STATE SEEKING TO REMAIN FREE OF DOMINATION BY EITHER OF ITS TWO GIANT NEIGHBORS, ESPECIALLY THE USSR. WITH THIS SHARED CONCERN, IT IS NOT SURPRISING TWO LEADERS CONCLUDED A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION DURING KIM IL-SUNG'S 1975 VISIT TO BUCHAREST. NOR IS IT SURPRISING THAT, WITH SO MUCH ELSE IN COMMON, ROMANIANS ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY FULLY WITH NORTH KOREA'S CAUSE. IN ENUMERATING ROMANIAN SUPPORT FOR THEIR CAUSE, CAPLESCU IS ABLE TO CITE POINTS WHICH CORRESPOND TO SEVERAL PRINCIPLES DEAR TO GOR IN OTHER CONTEXTS: REDUCING THE STATE OF TENSION, REMOVAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND BASES, SETTLEMENT OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, INDEPENDENCE AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. PRESIDENT PARK'S POLICIES ARE CHARACTERIZED AS BEING IN DIAMETRICAL OPPOSITION.

4. CAPLESCU STATES ROMANIA'S SUPPORT "IN ITS ENTIRETY" FOR NORTH KOREAN POSITION AND REFERS TO RECENT NORTH KOREAN MEMORANDUM IN SPEAKING OF INCONCEIVABILITY OF CONTINUED PARTITION, AND QUOTES A SINGLE PASSAGE  
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DESCRIBING THE MANEUVERS (WITHOUT MENTION OF US) AS "A GRAVE VIOLATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY...A PROVOCATION...." NEVERTHELESS, HE STOPS SHORT OF ENDORSING MEMORANDUM ITSELF. ONE IS LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT, ALTHOUGH GOR CONSIDERS ITSELF TRUE FRIEND AND UN-QUALIFIED SUPPORTER OF NORTH KOREA, IT NEVERTHELESS SEES IMPLICIT IDENTIFICATION WITH NORTH KOREAN MEMORANDUM AS POTENTIAL COMPROMISE OF ITS CAREFULLY CULTIVATED ROLE AS ENLIGHTENED FREE AGENT READY TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES.

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